

blessings from our Lord in answer to my prayers and the prayers of others.

Brother Lyon's glorious experience of which he writes in EVANGELIST No. 21, is not new to me. Several times I have been at the end of my purse resources in this big city of strangers with the support of my family and the mission on my hands and have gone to God in prayer not knowing what the answer would be but knowing he would answer in some way. Once it was a call from brother L. S. Bauman to hold a Missionary Convention in his churches, and then again a call from Brother Summers to come to his harvest home meeting, and then a similar call from Brother Ditch. And each time the Lord gave us thru our brethren the much needed supply. I wish to say to these brethren, and the churches whose pastors they are, that I often feel your presence tho you are far off. Our good brethren at these places mentioned gave me some money which they said I should use as my own and not as mission money from the Board, but the needs were such that all had to be used for the Lord's work. It came from him and for his kingdom it must be used. Winter is now here and fuel must be laid in; already our coal is low in the bin, and clothing is indispensable to comfort and work. I feel safe in saying that Brother Lyon too, feels the need of these things. Never has the country been blessed with greater prosperity, and the granaries are full. Brethren, you are God's stewards; and the sin and wickedness and misery in the cities and country tell you plainer than words can speak how he wants you to use the abundance he has placed in your hands. It is the Lord's work; it can not go down; if our brethren do not come to our aid then we must suffer, for the work must go on.

Thank the Lord for the good sisters, some of whom make their living by working by the week. Our secretary just wrote to me of one sister out in Iowa who pays about seventy dollars per year for missions and she is not rich, but works for her living. Such shall have crowns studded with diadems and rubies more precious than earth can give. Yes, Brother Lyon, when we feel most alone the Lord is nearest, and the Holy Spirit can give us what the world has not to give.

OUR WORK IN CHICAGO

While I write this, little Mabel Hall, daughter of sister Wm. Hall, is convalescing from a severe attack of scarlet fever, praise the Lord. Sister Gibbons is watching at the bedside of sister Thomas Hall, who is dangerously ill. Pray for them.

Thursday night we all attended the Peoria Street Mission, and Sister Gibbons preached very acceptably for Brother Stewart who runs the mission. On Wednesday evening of next week the Peoria street workers will attend our meeting when Brother Stewart has asked me to give an illustrated Bible lesson on the blackboard, which I will try to do. Some who have been attending our meetings

for some time have begun to speak of the Mission as, "our mission" and "our church." Thus the seed is growing, and soon we will be able to report results. Teaching, teaching, is what will count in the long run, and that is what we are doing.

I have many calls to come and hold meetings for the weak churches of our district, and to some of them I must go. They will do all they can financially, but they can not pay the expenses. Never in the history of the church has there been more evangelistic work done in our district than was done last year on so small amount of money; i. e., some \$221.00. We used to pay a hundred dollars a month and then leave the results largely without pastoral care, which accounts for the condition many weak churches are now in. I am trying to place pastors in charge of all work where they can be had. Brother Hannan, who was installed as pastor of the church at Brooklyn, but who has been living at Moline, Ill., has now moved to Brooklyn and taken up the work actively, for which I am glad, and bespeak for him success.

Now brethren, the work of the district needs attention, and I wish to give it attention as far as means at my disposal will permit. Will you help? Pray for us, and the work in Chicago. Pray for Sister Gibbons who is doing effective work here both in the pulpit and in the homes. J. O. TALLEY.

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INDIANA DISTRICT

Indiana Mission Notes

1. Remember we desire a Thanksgiving offering from every church, Sunday school, Young Peoples Society and S. S. C. E. in the state. The day set to take up and bring all the offerings together is Dec. 3rd. Are you preparing to help us in the plan? We are counting on every pastor to carry out the plan in his churches. Brother pastor, will your church stand in the front rank in this work or will you be satisfied to trail in the rear? Pastor help your officers of the various societies so they get the work well in hand and so we may get a good report from you. Let us see what we can do when we all work together. Our aim is to make this the banner year for mission work in the state. Will you in your efforts have your aim coincide with ours?

The following pastors have already responded to our call. They represent the following churches:

G. W. Rensch, Milford; J. M. Fox, Mt. Pleasant, Flora; L. W. Ditch, Oakville, Bethel, Maple Grove; A. R. Bemenderfer, Dunlaps, Elkhart, Pleasant View; L. O. Hubbard, New Highland, New Enterprise; L. S. Bauman, Roann, Mexico; W. H. Miller, Cornith, Brethren Chapel; C. F. Yoder, Fairview, Warsaw. Thus you see eight pastors representing 17 churches have signified their willingness to carry the plan as far as they can. Several other brethren, pastors,

told me at Oakville that I could count on them, so we feel encouraged. Let me say, let us rise up and be counted. "Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?" Are there not 45 churches in our district? But where are the 28 and the pastors of the same? The first question we know. It is the latter which concerns us just now.

Can we not report a number of other response to our call in next issue of B. E?

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Church News

Waterloo, Iowa

It is now possible to write with the above title. Not that we have a church in Waterloo yet, but the prime prerequisite for a church building has been at last secured. On Nov. 1, there was executed a deed by W. W. Forry, of Waterloo, to the trustees of the Brethren church for a lot at the corner of West Fifth and South streets. The location is all that could be desired, being just one block from the street car line in two directions and centrally located for all our members. The history of the efforts of which this is a culmination would be long to tell. However, it should be said that over five-sevenths of the purchase price was earned and saved by the S. S. C. E. of the sisters in Waterloo. They are tireless workers and deserve a great deal of praise for their energy and perseverance in this matter. The remainder was raised by the members in Waterloo. Not a cent was asked of any one not a member in Waterloo. Now, we have a spot to which we can look with the hope one day to see a church rise upon it. For this now the members in Waterloo should pray and work and sacrifice. Another agency which is in great part responsible for the continuance of the work in Waterloo thru these long years of waiting, and which too many of our members do not appreciate at its true value is our weekly prayer meeting, the only meeting we have in Waterloo for all the members. Let us all turn out and work with a will until we shall see a Brethren church in Waterloo. Brethren, pray for us.

J. L. GILLIN.

Hildebrand Items

On Sunday evening, Oct. 27, 1899, Elder Benjamin Gochnour, myself and a few more brethren and sisters, met at the house of brother Benjamin and Sister Stutsman of West Taylor township, son-in-law and daughter of our beloved old sister Martha Strayer, who has been afflicted for some time past. Sister Strayer is now almost 80 years old, and has been a faithful servant of the Master for about 62 years, and having long since learned that it is only those who endure unto the end that shall be saved, and in order to do what she could for the Master and make all needed preparation in life for a home in heaven, she called for the elders of the church and was anointed with oil in the name of the